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Notice of Allowability

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1. 🔀 This communication is responsive to the communication fill	ed on 17 December 2004.			
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>8-17</u> .				
3. The drawings filed on <u>01 April 2002</u> are accepted by the Ex	xaminer.			
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Attachment(s) 1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. ☑ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/O Paper No./Mail Date 20041217 4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material	5. ☐ Notice of Informal P 6. ☐ Interview Summary Paper No./Mail Dat 7. ☐ Examiner's Amendr 8. ☑ Examiner's Stateme 9. ☐ Other	(PTO-413), e nent/Comment		

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1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art does not disclose a ranging system with a process variable measurement stage, an

adjustable current controller, and a control component as stated in the independent claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the

issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions

should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should

be directed to Daniel Pihulic whose telephone number is 703-306-4168. The examiner can normally be

reached on Tuesday through Thursday from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. and every other Monday and Friday from 6

a.m. to 2 p.m. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Thomas Tarcza, can be reached on 703-306-4171.

The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are:

703-872-9306 for official responses, and

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be

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